

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 7 and 11, all other claims having been cancelled.

All of the claims were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in the various terms noted in paragraphs 1 to 5 and it is believed that the present amendment obviates these grounds of rejection. With respect to the aryl as having only five carbon atoms, it has now been changed to having a minimum of six carbon atoms. It is believed that the ring system at the end of the B definition is now complete and definite. Moreover, the R⁵ and R^{5'} have now been inserted into the claim. The word "and" has been inserted into claim 6 as suggested by the Examiner and reference to the precursors in the said claim has been deleted. Therefore, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.


The rejection of claim 12 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as not being supported by an enabling specification, this claim has been cancelled and therefore, this obviates this ground of rejection. The same is true for the rejection of claim 13.

All of the claims were rejected as being drawn to an improper Markush group since the claims are directed to multiple inventions. The present claims have been limited to the elected subject matter and therefore, this obviates this ground of rejection.

With respect to the Examiner's comments concerning page 4 in the applications recited therein as not being proper, it should be noted that all of the applications referred to therein are published applications and therefore, the reference thereto is believed proper.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly point out Applicants' patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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